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City expands free computer classes to schools

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Starting in May, SmartRiverside's Digital Inclusion Program expands its classes from community centers to three Riverside schools.

The city's nonprofit program offers eight hours of computer instruction to residents who then receive a free used desktop computer upon completion of the training. The program is an effort to include all Riversiders, regardless of their income, in the city's upcoming free wi-fi Internet program.

Four weekly classes will be held Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. starting May 7, at the Highland Elementary School, 700 Highlander Dr., and at Victoria Elementary, 2910 Arlington Ave. Call (951) 788-7135, Ext. 80307, for more information.

Two bi-weekly classes will be held Saturdays at Norte Vista High School, 6585 Crest Ave., May 3 and 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call (951) 826-6450 for more information.

SmartRiverside officials said subsequent classes will be following the same schedule each month.

"We're opening three new classroom facilities for computer training because we have to keep pace with the increase in demand," said Steve Lowery, the Digital Inclusion Program manager. "We've given away more than 1000 computers so far and the demand for training is only going up."

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